Amendments to the Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for graphically displaying travel information on an electronic map within a network environment, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving an information request based on a flexible set of user-defined travel related criteria from a client;

processing the information request to initiate at least one inquiry based on the information request and collecting a plurality of responses from an information server, which gathers information from at least one remote server, to determine a solution set to the information request, wherein the solution set includes at least one pair of airports and at least one associated airfare for travel between the at least one pair of airports; and

rendering the solution set <u>sufficient to generate</u> ~~unto~~ an electronic map overlay for transmission to the client.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of responses is provided from at least one of a server and a mainframe computer system.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the flexible set of user-defined travel related criteria is input by a human being on the client and pre-selected at least in part by topic by the client.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein processing the information request includes parsing the information request into a plurality of inquiries for querying a plurality of data tables.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one inquiry is directed to a plurality of data tables generated from a database of information received from at least one of a plurality of information providers.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the electronic

map overlay includes directing the solution set to the user that posed the information request.

7.   (Currently Amended) A system for distributing travel information in a network, the system comprising:

~~means for providing a travel information request;~~

means for processing a ~~the~~ travel information request to generate an inquiry;

means for collecting a plurality of responses from an information server, which gathers information from at least one remote server, to determine a solution set to the travel information request, wherein the solution set includes at least one pair of airports and at least one associated airfare for travel between the at least one pair of airports; and

means for processing the solution set to obtain a reply to the travel information request, processing the solution set including rendering the solution set <u>sufficient to generate</u> ~~unto~~ an electronic map overlay.

8.   (Currently Amended) A travel information system, comprising:

a request manager for receiving information from information providers to store in a database, wherein the request manager is capable of processing an information request to initiate at least one inquiry related to the information from the database;

a plurality of data tables developed from the database, which contains a plurality of responses collected from an information server, which gathers information from at least one remote server, to determine a solution set responsive to the at least one inquiry, wherein the solution set includes at least one pair of airports and at least one associated airfare for travel between the at least one pair of airports; and

a web server for transmitting the solution set overlaid onto an electronic map to a client ~~a client capable of displaying an electronic map upon which the solution set is overlaid~~.

9.   (Original) The travel information system of claim 8, wherein at least one inquiry is directed to the data table selected from a group of data tables containing airfare, airfare availability; weather conditions, event schedules, points of interest, and lodging

information.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the information server receives information from mainframe computer systems.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the information request is input by a human being on a client computer and is pre-selected at least in part by topic by the client.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the information request is parsed into a plurality of inquiries for querying the plurality of data tables.

13.   (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the information request is directed to the plurality of data tables generated from the database of information received from information providers.

14.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing travel information, comprising:

receiving a request including a departure location, but not a destination location, and a set of user-defined criteria;

determining a plurality of potential destination locations based at least in part upon the set of user-defined criteria;

generating data representative of a map including a set of points corresponding to the departure location and any airports having carrier service from the departure location to ~~another location~~ the plurality of determined potential destination locations; and

transmitting the generated data representative of the map.

15.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the set of user-defined criteria ~~step of receiving the request~~ includes ~~specifying~~ a specified location of interest and a specified distance range in proximity to the location of interest.

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16.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the <u>set of user-</u><u>defined criteria</u> ~~step of receiving the request~~ includes <u>a specified</u> ~~specifying a~~ dollar limit.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the <u>set of user-</u><u>defined criteria</u> ~~step of receiving the request~~ includes ~~specifying~~ a <u>specified</u> number of travelers that will depart from the departure location.

18.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein ~~the~~ generating <u>data representative of a map</u> ~~step~~ includes accessing a database for a geocode corresponding to a <u>determined potential destination location</u> ~~destination of interest~~.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ generating <u>data representative of a map</u> ~~step~~ includes accessing a database for a plurality of city pairs and a lowest available fare associated with each of the plurality of city pairs.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ generating <u>data representative of a map</u> ~~step~~ includes querying the database with the geocode corresponding to a <u>determined potential destination location</u> ~~destination of interest~~ to determine all airports and other locations within a specified range of the geocode.

21.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein ~~the~~ generating <u>data representative of a map</u> ~~step~~ includes retrieving information from information providers and storing the retrieved information in a searchable database.

22.   (Currently Amended) A method for a user to obtain travel information, comprising:

entering a request including a departure location<u>, but not a destination location, and a set of user-defined criteria</u>; and

receiving <u>data representative of</u> a map generated to include a set of points corresponding to the departure location and any airports having carrier service from the departure location to <u>a plurality of potential destination locations determined at least in</u>

part based upon the set of user-defined criteria ~~another location.~~

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the ~~step of entering the request~~ <u>set of user-defined criteria</u> includes <u>a specified</u> ~~specifying a~~ dollar limit.

24.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim <u>22</u> ~~23~~, wherein ~~the step of entering the request~~ <u>the set of user-defined criteria</u> includes ~~specifying~~ a <u>specified</u> number of travelers that will depart from the departure location.

25.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the <u>set of user-defined criteria</u> ~~step of entering the request~~ includes ~~specifying~~ a <u>specified</u> location of interest and a specified distance range in proximity to the location of interest.

26.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ receiving the information request includes specifying a location of interest and a distance range in proximity to the location of interest.

27.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ receiving the information request includes specifying a dollar limit.

28.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein ~~the step of~~ receiving the information request includes specifying a number of travelers that will depart from the departure location.

29.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the processing step~~ <u>processing the information request</u> includes accessing a database for a geocode corresponding to a destination of interest, the destination of interest being associated with an airport.

30.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein ~~the processing~~

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step processing the information request includes accessing a database for a plurality of
city pairs and a lowest available fare associated with each of the plurality of city pairs,
each city of a city pair being associated with an airport.

31.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the processing
step processing the information request includes querying the database with the geocode
corresponding to a destination of interest to determine all airports and other locations
within a specified range of the geocode.

32.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the solution set
includes a plurality of pairs of airports and a plurality of airfares for travel between the
respective pairs of airports.

33.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the solution set
includes a departure airport and a plurality of destination airports, and an airfare for travel
between the departure airport and each of the plurality of destination airports.

34.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the travel related
criteria includes a maximum airfare, wherein the information server determines a solution
set based on the maximum airfare, the solution set including at least one pair of airports
with an associated airfare no greater than the maximum airfare.

35.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the solution set
includes a plurality of pairs of airports and a plurality of airfares for travel between the
respective pairs of airports.

36.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the solution set
includes a departure airport and a plurality of destination airports, and an airfare for travel
between the departure airport and each of the plurality of destination airports.

37.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the travel related

criteria includes a maximum airfare, wherein the information server determines a solution set based on the maximum airfare, the solution set including at least one pair of airports with an associated airfare no greater than the maximum airfare.

38.   (Previously Presented) The travel information system of claim 8, wherein the solution set includes a plurality of pairs of airports and a plurality of airfares for travel between the respective pairs of airports.

39.   (Previously Presented) The travel information system of claim 8, wherein the solution set includes a departure airport and a plurality of destination airports, and an airfare for travel between the departure airport and each of the plurality of destination airports.

40.   (Previously Presented) The travel information system of claim 8, wherein the travel related criteria includes a maximum airfare, wherein the information server determines a solution set based on the maximum airfare, the solution set including at least one pair of airports with an associated airfare no greater than the maximum airfare.

41.   (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the set of user-defined travel related criteria includes a departure location, but not a destination location and wherein the solution set is representative of a plurality of potential destination locations.

42.   (New) The system of Claim 7, wherein the travel information request includes a departure location, but not a destination location and wherein the solution set is representative of a plurality of potential destination locations.

43.   (New) The travel information system of Claim 8, wherein the information request includes a departure location, but not a destination location and wherein the solution set is representative of a plurality of potential destination locations.